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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on October 12, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because: Applicant has not elected a single species as required by paragraph 7 of the previous Office Action. Also, since claims have been added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species, MPEP § 809.02(a). Failure to execute a complete election, along with a listing of the claims corresponding to a single species set forth in the prior Office will cause this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

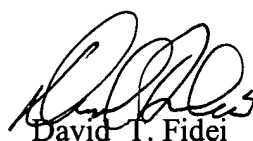
The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner concerning the merits of the claims should be directed to David T. Fidei whose telephone number is (571) 272-4553. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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